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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Tsutomu Motohashi

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For: INFORMATION RECORDING

REPRODUCING APPARATUS, PROGRAM,

COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM, AND DEFECT FIELD

MANAGEMENT METHOD

## RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2008, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application in light of the following:

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.